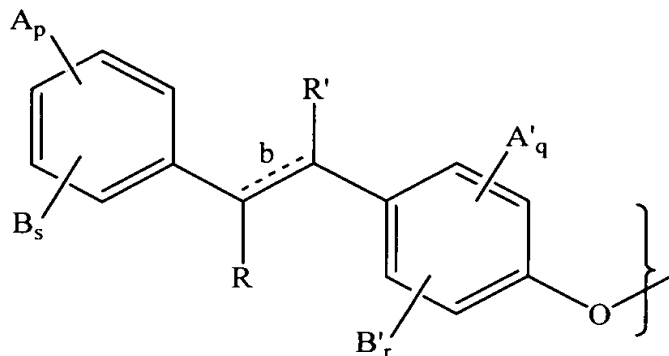


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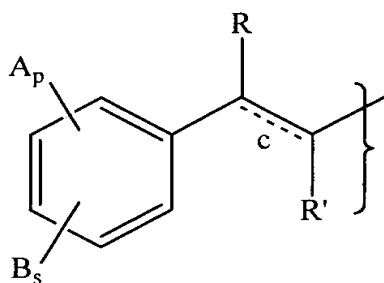
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H;  $A''$ ;  $B''$ ; or



$n$ ,  $m$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  are independently integers from zero to 4 provided that  $n + m \leq 4$  and  $q + r \leq 4$ ;  $p$  and  $s$  are independently integers from zero to 5 provided that  $p + s \leq 5$ ;  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are double bonds which may be present or absent; when present, the double bonds may be in the E or Z configuration and, when absent, the resulting stereocenters may have the R- or S- configuration;

$R$  and  $R'$  are independently H,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkenyl,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{Z}'$ , wherein  $\text{Z}'$  is H, sodium, potassium, or other pharmaceutically acceptable counter-ion such as calcium, magnesium, ammonium, tromethamine, tetramethylammonium, and the like;  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}'''$ ,  $-\text{NH}_2$ ,  $-\text{NHR}'''$ ,  $-\text{NR}_2'''$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OR}'''$ , halo, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkyl or substituted  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkenyl, wherein  $\text{R}'''$  is independently  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkyl, linear or branched alkenyl or aralkyl  $-(\text{CH}_2)_x$ -Ar, where  $x$  is 1-6;  $\text{CONR}_2''''$ , where  $\text{R}''''$  is independently H, optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$  alkenyl or optionally substituted  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or where  $\text{NR}_2''''$  represents a cyclic moiety;

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B  
R'' is independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> linear or branched alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> linear or branched alkenyl, -CO<sub>2</sub>Z', wherein Z' is H, sodium, potassium, or other pharmaceutically acceptable counter-ion such as calcium, magnesium, ammonium, tromethamine, tetramethylammonium, and the like; -CO<sub>2</sub>R''', -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR''', -NR<sub>2</sub>'', -OH, -OR''', halo, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> linear or branched alkyl or substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> linear or branched alkenyl, wherein R''' is independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> linear or branched alkyl, linear or branched alkenyl or aralkyl -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>-Ar, where x is 1-6;

A, A' and A'' are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> acylamino;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> acyloxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkanoyl;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkoxycarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkoxy;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylamino; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylcarboxylamino; carboxyl; cyano; halo; hydroxy;

B, B' and B'' are independently H;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> acylamino; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> acyloxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkanoyl;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenoyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkoxycarbonyl;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylamino;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylcarboxylamino; aroyl, aralkanoyl; carboxyl; cyano; halo; hydroxy; nitro; optionally substituted, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl;

or A and B together, or A' and B' together, or A'' and B'' together, maybe joined to form a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy group; and

X, X' are independently -NH, -NR'', O or S, in a physiologically acceptable carrier.

*Please see the attached Appendix for changes made to effect the above claim.*